

# The role of top quark observables in PDFs: NNPDF

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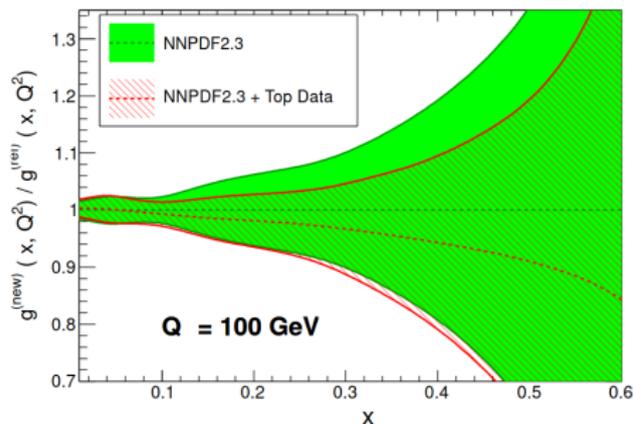
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# NNPDF3.0: total top-quark pair cross sections

Ratio to NNPDF2.3 NNLO,  $\alpha_s = 0.118$

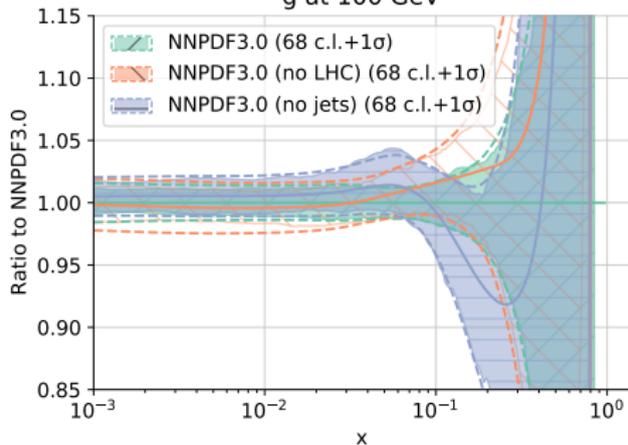


[JHEP 07 (2013) 167]

Considered 5 data points from Tevatron and ATLAS, CMS 7,8 TeV

Dataset	NNPDF2.3	NNPDF2.3+top
Tevatron+LHC	1.26	0.98

$g$  at 100 GeV



[Nucl.Phys. B867 (2013) 244]

Considered 6 data points from ATLAS and CMS 7,8 TeV

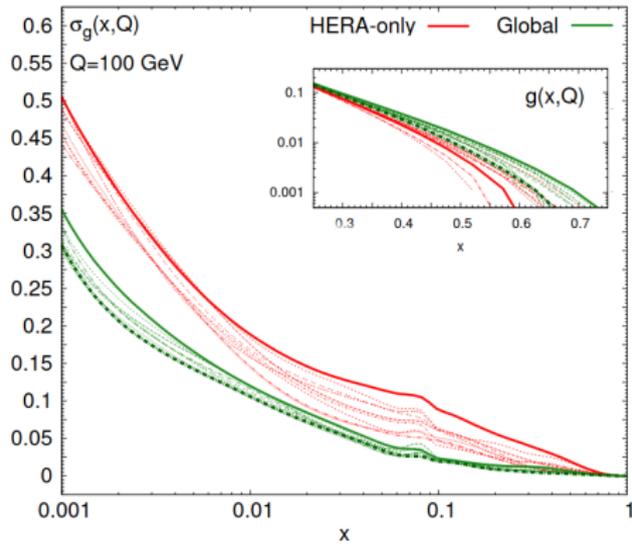
Dataset	LO	NLO	NNLO
LHC	42.1	1.43	0.66

Fixed scale used throughout:  $\mu_F = \mu_R = m_t$ ,  $m_t = 173.3$  GeV

Higher-order QCD corrections essential to describe the data [Phys.Rev.Lett. 110 (2013) 252004]

Sizeable reduction of uncertainty on gluon; little suppression of central value at large  $x$

# NNPDF3.1: differential cross sections



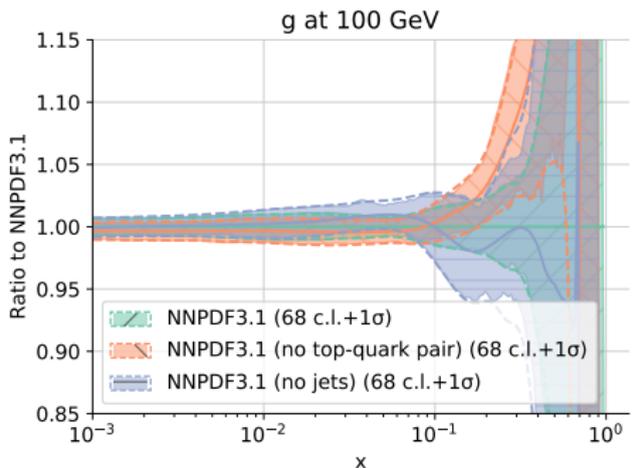
[JHEP 04 (2017) 044]

ATLAS and CMS 8 TeV diff. cross sections

[Eur.Phys.J. C76 (2016), 538; Eur.Phys.J. C75 (2015) 542]

NNLO QCD corrections included

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 116 (2016) 082003]



[Eur.Phys.J. C77 (2017) 663]

Dataset	LO	NLO	NNLO
ATLAS $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ (7, 8, 13 TeV)	53.2	1.92	0.86
ATLAS $1/\sigma_{t\bar{t}}d\sigma/dy_t$	1.99	1.31	1.45
CMS $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ (7, 8, 13 TeV)	53.4	0.59	0.20
CMS $1/\sigma_{t\bar{t}}d\sigma/dy_t$	1.32	0.96	0.94

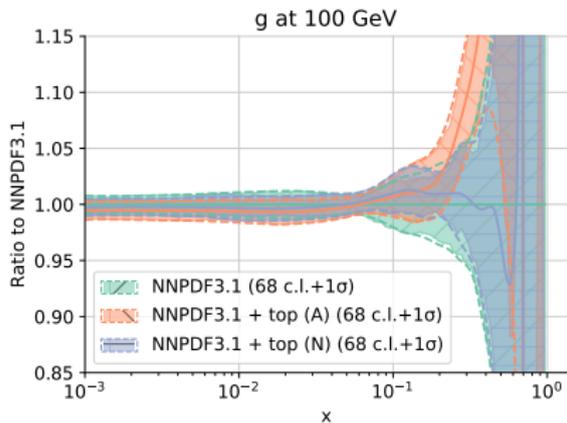
Dynamic scale used throughout:  $\mu_F = \mu_R = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \sqrt{m_t^2 + (p_T^t)^2} + \sqrt{m_t^2 + (p_T^{\bar{t}})^2} \right]$

# Beyond NNPDF3.1: exp. correlations and pert. charm

Dataset	$N_{\text{dat}}$	3.1 (FC)	3.1 (FC+N)	3.1 (FC+A)	3.1 (PC+N)	3.1 (PC+N)
ATLAS $t\bar{t}$ N (cor.)	21	[2.74]	2.28	[4.60]	2.29	[3.49]
ATLAS $t\bar{t}$ N (unc.)	21	[2.08]	[1.94]	[4.16]	[1.89]	[3.07]
ATLAS $1/\sigma d\sigma/dp_T^t$	7	[3.50]	2.94	[2.45]	2.95	[2.54]
ATLAS $1/\sigma d\sigma/dy_t$	4	1.45	1.20	[4.81]	1.10	[2.98]
ATLAS $1/\sigma d\sigma/dy_{t\bar{t}}$	4	[1.66]	1.55	[10.2]	1.40	[6.30]
ATLAS $1/\sigma d\sigma/dm_{t\bar{t}}$	6	[1.67]	1.59	[1.36]	1.61	[1.42]
ATLAS $t\bar{t}$ A (cor.)	25	[7.96]	[6.88]	5.76	[7.18]	5.23
ATLAS $t\bar{t}$ A (unc.)	25	[2.09]	[2.06]	[2.28]	[2.25]	[2.17]
ATLAS $d\sigma/dp_T^t$	8	[2.41]	[2.43]	2.50	[2.46]	2.54
ATLAS $d\sigma/dy_t$	5	[0.87]	[0.76]	1.14	[0.73]	0.87
ATLAS $d\sigma/dy_{t\bar{t}}$	5	[1.21]	[1.19]	2.36	[1.15]	1.86
ATLAS $d\sigma/dm_{t\bar{t}}$	7	[3.27]	[3.24]	2.85	[3.25]	2.94
ATLAS jets	31	0.90	1.08	1.01	1.11	1.05
CMS jets	133	0.88	0.95	1.05	0.94	0.99
ATLAS $Z p_T$	92	0.90	0.91	0.95	0.95	0.97
CMS $Z p_T$	28	1.33	1.35	1.33	1.30	1.31
ATLAS $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$	3/2	0.86	0.74	0.68	0.72	0.83
CMS $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$	3	0.20	0.29	0.56	0.35	0.34
CMS $1/\sigma d\sigma/dy_{t\bar{t}}$	10	0.94	0.98	1.01	0.97	1.46
Total		1.15	1.17	1.20	1.20	1.23

[Les Houches, arXiv:2003.01700]

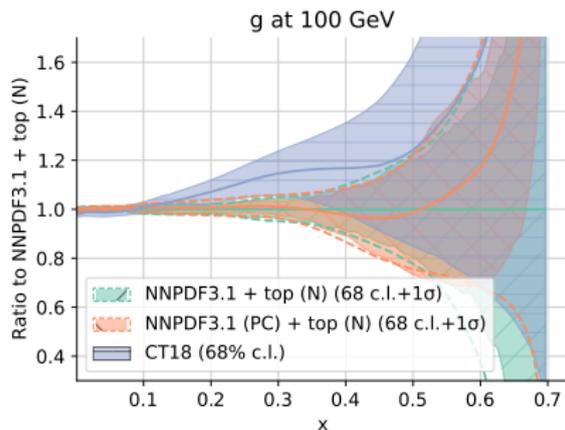
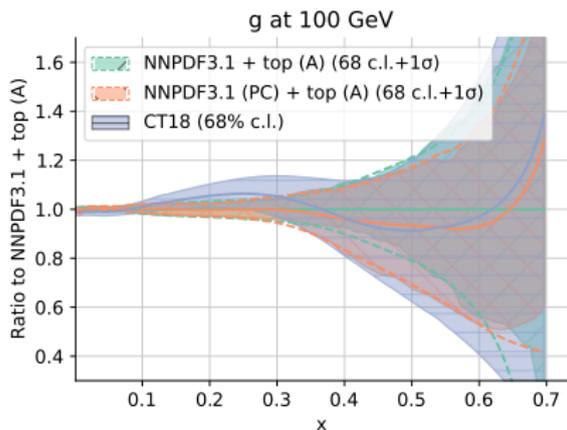
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Most of the difference comes from using normalized distributions instead of absolute

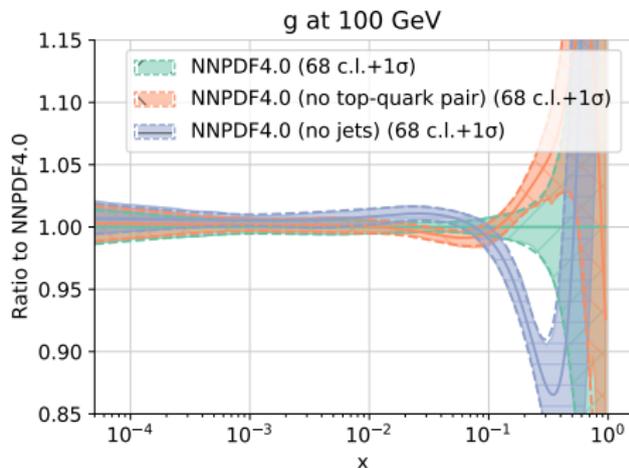
Fitting (or not) charm makes little difference on central value (not on fit quality)

If absolute distributions are fitted with perturbative charm, the NNPDF and CT18 gluons become similar



# NNPDF4.0: more LHC data

Dataset	$N_{\text{dat}}$	$\chi_{4.0}^2$
CMS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 5 TeV	1	0.54
ATLAS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 7 TeV	1	1.59
CMS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 7 TeV	1	1.06
ATLAS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 8 TeV	1	0.02
CMS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 8 TeV	1	0.26
ATLAS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 13 TeV ( $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )	1	0.51
CMS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 13 TeV	1	0.06
ATLAS $\ell+j$ 8 TeV ( $1/\sigma d\sigma/dy_t$ )	4	3.22
ATLAS $\ell+j$ 8 TeV ( $1/\sigma d\sigma/dy_{t\bar{t}}$ )	4	3.77
ATLAS $2\ell$ 8 TeV ( $1/\sigma d\sigma/dy_{t\bar{t}}$ )	5	1.61
CMS $\ell+j$ 8 TeV ( $1/\sigma d\sigma/dy_{t\bar{t}}$ )	9	1.23
CMS $2\ell$ 8 TeV ( $1/\sigma d\sigma/dy_t dm_{t\bar{t}}$ )	16	1.03
CMS $\ell+j$ 13 TeV ( $d\sigma/dy_t$ )	11	0.63
CMS $t\bar{t}$ $2\ell$ 13 TeV ( $d\sigma/dy_t$ )	10	0.52
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ATLAS dijets 7 TeV, $R = 0.6$	90	2.15
CMS dijets 7 TeV	54	1.81
ATLAS incl. jets 8 TeV, $R = 0.6$	171	0.69
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Total	4618	1.16



Dataset significantly extended in NNPDF4.0  
(top and jets)

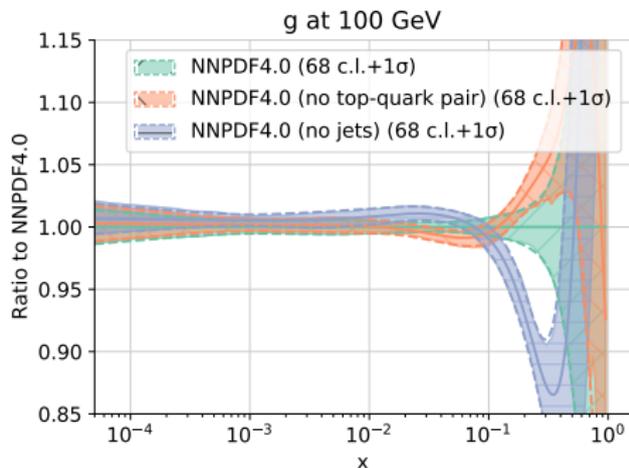
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Competing pulls of top and jets

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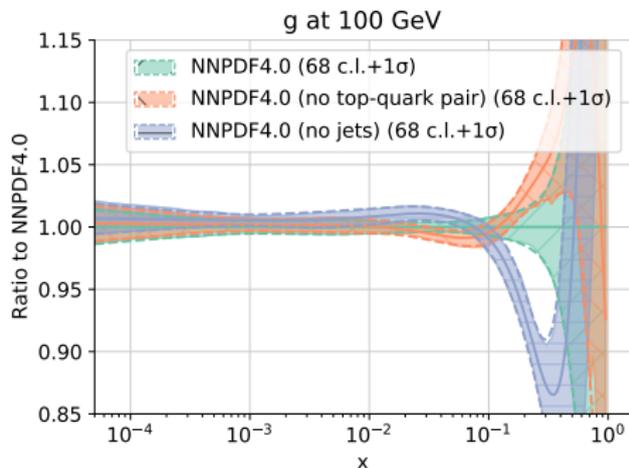
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ATLAS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 8 TeV	1	[0.01]
CMS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 8 TeV	1	[0.17]
ATLAS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 13 TeV ( $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ )	1	[0.49]
CMS $\sigma_{tt}^{\text{tot}}$ 13 TeV	1	[0.06]
ATLAS $\ell+j$ 8 TeV ( $1/\sigma d\sigma/dy_t$ )	4	[6.38]
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ATLAS $2\ell$ 8 TeV ( $1/\sigma d\sigma/dy_{t\bar{t}}$ )	5	[1.83]
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CMS $2\ell$ 8 TeV ( $1/\sigma d\sigma/dy_t dm_{t\bar{t}}$ )	16	[0.82]
CMS $\ell+j$ 13 TeV ( $d\sigma/dy_t$ )	11	[1.08]
CMS $t\bar{t} 2\ell$ 13 TeV ( $d\sigma/dy_t$ )	10	[0.67]
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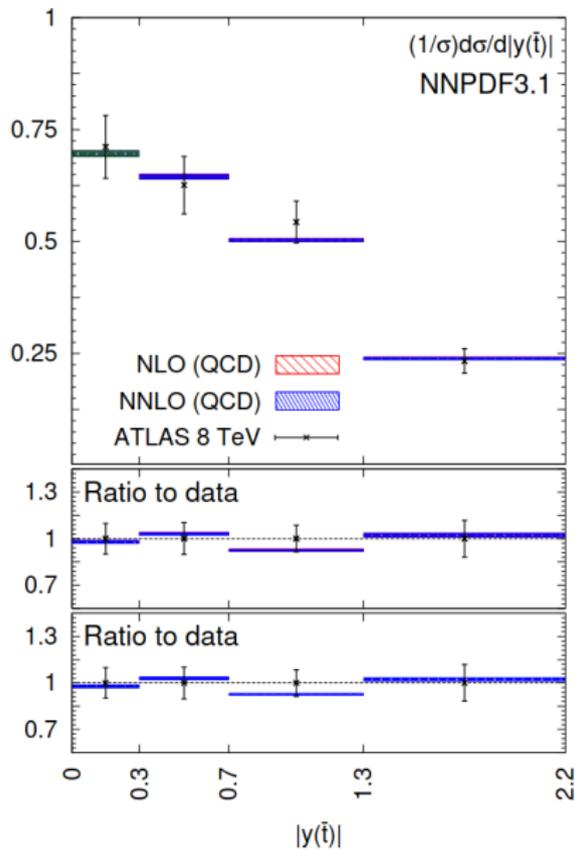
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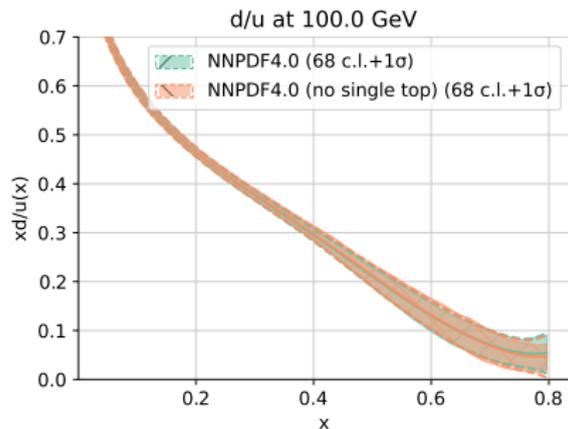
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# NNPDF4.0: single top



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Dataset	$N_{\text{dat}}$	$\chi^2$
ATLAS single $t$ $R_t$ 7 TeV	1	0.50
CMS single $t$ $\sigma_t + \sigma_{\bar{t}}$ 7 TeV	1	0.73
CMS single $t$ $R_t$ 8 TeV	1	0.17
ATLAS single $t$ $R_t$ 13 TeV	1	0.06
CMS single $t$ $R_t$ 13 TeV	1	0.36
ATLAS sing. $t$ 7 TeV ( $1/\sigma d\sigma/dy_t$ )	3	0.96
ATLAS sing. $t$ 7 TeV ( $1/\sigma d\sigma/dy_{\bar{t}}$ )	3	0.06
ATLAS sing. $t$ 8 TeV ( $1/\sigma d\sigma/dy_t$ )	3	0.25
ATLAS sing. $t$ 8 TeV ( $1/\sigma d\sigma/dy_{\bar{t}}$ )	3	0.19





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## Thank you